

# TEC

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## THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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*from the*

### **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Well the American Numismatic Association Convention in Houston, Texas is a thing of the past and we now start thinking of the A.N.A. Convention in 1979. The 1979 convention will be held from July 29 - August 3, 1979 at the Stouffers Riverfront Towers Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. From the pictures I've received this is a very beautiful hotel. There will be more information on the room rates in the next issue. If you want to know sooner about the hotel, please write to me, as some of you may want to reserve your room now.

The TEC meeting at the Astro Village Hotel was very good with many TEC members coming in at all times. There were so many meetings that morning some could only stay a few minutes and would leave. There was a sort of a mix-up in our schedule and it was through no fault of mine. I asked for one TEC meeting only and in the A.N.A. booklet they had us down for two meetings. Sorry about this folks, but like I said, this was not my fault.

Our surprise program was, George Kesterson brought his rolling machine to our TEC meeting and let the members roll out their own coins. Thank you George on a job well done.

I also would like to thank Chester Rogers for all the help he gave me this year. As a matter, a special thanks to all my officers who have given me some help in the past year. Even my committees have done a good job on picking the winners, such as the Literary Award, the best elongated coin rolled in 1977, the best exhibit and the judging of the Philatelic Numismatic Covers. Thank you all on a job well done.

A special thanks to Ruby Threlkeld on the job she does on the TEC Archives and the Historian book. Also a thanks to the two that have helped me the most in the last five years, Bob Luchtman and Lloyd E. Wagaman. Thank you gentlemen for everything.

This year I gave the President's Award to Richard Townsend for the help he has given me through the year 1977. I wish I could give this award to many others, but as I can only give one, I try to pick a different person each year. So thank you Richard for all you have

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done through-out the year.

I have one more year to go as TEC President, so please bear with me. I will do my best to do a good job until July and then the new officers can take it from there. I do appreciate my officers and I know they will give me all the help they can. In the meantime when I put the TEC NEWS in the mail I will take that much needed rest I need in the hospital and have that much needed operation I've been putting off to long.

I would like to thank all my friends for the nice gifts they gave me in Texas, especially the gold charm bracelet with the gold owl on it. One friend gave it to me. His wife had passed away and he wanted me to have it. You can bet I will take good care of it.

With the talk of a mail strike all the time, your TEC NEWS may be a little late. I always do my best to get it in the mail as soon as I can. Somehow the January issue of the TEC NEWS gets lost in the Christmas rush and 3rd class mail is pushed aside. Check with your postoffice first before saying you didn't get your copy.

A Happy Thanksgiving to each and everyone of you as I'll be thinking of you. God Bless You All.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Kirka, president

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# 1978 *Convention Badges*

1978 Houston TEC Convention badges are now available from the secretary to those who placed their order for the badges in advance. The cost of the 1978 TEC badges are \$3.30 each. Send to secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Also available for a cost of \$2.30 each are TEC convention badges from the following years 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

If you want a 1979 St. Louis TEC Convention badge, you may order it now but do not send payment for it at this time. We will again this year roll only as many badges as we have advance orders for.

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NOTICE - - - - - NOTICE - - - - - NOTICE

In August 1974 in Bal Harbour, Florida at the annual TEC convention the members voted to have a classified ad section of four free lines of advertising in the TEC NEWS. A member cannot use the same ad more than once. Ads must be related to elongated coins, only. This motion was made by Lloyd Wagaman and passed by the members. Not one person has sent in an ad for this in three years. If I get some notes on this I'll use it. So lets hear from you. Check your October 1974 issue on this. I can't print what I don't have.



## OFFICERS OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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ANA Club Representative - Sally Kirka

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Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS  
are \$5.00 per calendar year.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be re-printed, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

## NOTICE!

## ALL ADVERTISERS

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

## DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Nov. 14th

Articles - Nov. 16th

## TREASURERS REPORT

## CHECKING ACCOUNT REPORT FOR YEAR - AUG. 1, 1977 to AUG. 1, 1978

Balance as of Aug. 1 1977 - - - - - \$ 566.54

## Income for year Aug. 1, 1977 to Aug. 1, 1978

Dues - - - - -	1,200.00
Sale of badges - - - - -	493.60
TEC NEWS ads - - - - -	70.50
Donations - - - - - George Kesterson - for ANA Showcase - - -	50.00
Dottie Dow - - - - - " " " - - -	24.00
Harold Anderson - - - - - " " " - - -	12.00
Charles Price, Jr. - - - - - - - - -	5.00
Don Miller - - - - - - - - -	6.70
Charles Strickland - - - - - - - - -	6.70
Richard Carpenter - - - - - - - - -	3.40
TEC NEWS coin donation - - - - - - - - -	3.00

Total income - - - \$2,441.44

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## Expenses for year - Aug. 1, 1977 to Aug. 1, 1978

Postal Instant Press - Printing four issues of TEC NEWS - -	\$ 600.10
Postage for mailing four issues of TEC NEWS - - - - -	304.47
TEC NEWS mailing envelopes - - - - -	79.58
TEC NEWS supplies - - - - -	34.75
Secretaries supplies - - - - -	28.99
President's postage - - - - -	26.00
Xerox copies of 1976-1977 treasurers report - - - - -	1.61
Bank service charge - - - - -	4.69
A.N.A. dues - - - - -	15.00
TAMS dues - - - - -	6.00
Secretaries Postage - - - - -	42.00
Rolling membership coins - - - - -	75.00
Ad overpayment - - - - -	3.50
Badge refund - - - - -	2.30
Cost of coins and rolling of 1978 badges - - - - -	100.00
Badge ribbons - for two years - 1978 and 1979 - - - - -	149.80
Mid year ANA convention patron listing - - - - -	5.00
87th A.N.A. convention program booklet patron listing - - - - -	10.00
Plaques for convention awards and engraving - - - - -	137.05
Postage and insurance for mailing plaques - - - - -	6.34

Total expenses - - - - - \$1,632.18

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Checking account balance as of Aug. 1, 1978 - - - - \$ 809.26

Savings account balance as of Aug. 4, 1977 - - - - -	\$1,462.98
Interest from Aug. 4, 1977 to Aug. 3, 1978 - - - - -	75.03
Savings account balance as of Aug. 3, 1978 - - - - -	\$1,538.01

Respectfully Submitted

Chester Grabowski, Treasurer



## TEC BOARD OF GOVERNORE MEETING - AUGUST 23, 1978

The annual Board of Governors meeting of The Elongated Collectors meeting was held in Room 3019 at the Astro Village Hotel, in Houston, Texas, August 23, 1978 at 2:00 p.m.

Those present at the meeting were Chester Rogers, Richard Townsend, Ruby Threlkeld, Dottie Dow, Al Kirka and president Sally Kirka.

A discussion was held about getting more articles for TEC NEWS. President Sally Kirka asked the officers to try and send in an article for each issue. It was also noted that Ruby Threlkeld had an article for the TEC NEWS in all issues for the last four years. Articles don't have to be too long, but a good short story helps a lot.

A discussion was held about having another member of the family become an associate member of TEC. Dues to be \$5.00 for a regular member and \$2.00 for an associate member. Only one TEC NEWS would be sent to a family and one elongated coin with the TEC NEWS. Associate members would receive a membership elongated coin and would be able to vote.

A motion was made by Ruby Threlkeld and seconded by Chester Rogers to admit associate members to TEC. Motion was passed.

A discussion was held and Bill Henderson was named chairman to check on the A.N.A. exhibit showcase at the A.N.A. Museum. At this time no showcases are available. President Sally Kirka will discuss this with Bill Henderson and when and if a showcase is available Mr. Henderson will notify us.

Past president Dottie Dow gave many helpful ideas to the president and it is hoped some can be tried out.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Kirka, secretary

## MINUTES OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL MEETING 8-25-78

The annual meeting of "The Elongated Collectors" was held in the Tower Rooms 8 & 9, at the Astro Village Hotel in Houston, Texas on August 25, 1978. This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by president Sally Kirka.

President Sally Kirka first introduced the TEC officers at the head table and then the past officers of TEC and prominent visiting guests and officers of other clubs.

The secretary's report of the annual Board meeting was read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report also was read and accepted as read. The books have been audited and found in perfect order.

Old business was brought up concerning the purchasing of the TEC show case for the American Numismatic Association Museum. As we were told last year that no show cases were available at the time, and no action was taken to donate the \$500. Also members last year voted to have our own show case for elongated coins only and not to share with other numismatic items.

Ken Hallenbeck, assistant to the A.N.A. Vice President, spoke about what could be on display in the TEC show case. He stated that something would be on display at all times of our elongated coins. President Sally Kirka assured him he would get enough of all kind of elongated coins to fill that show case for all seasons.

William Henderson was appointed by president Sally Kirka to look into getting this TEC Show case, but to make sure we can get a case for elongated coins only before we donate the \$500. to the ANA. We also want to make sure the TEC name plate is on the show case.  
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## 1978 TEC NEWS COINS



All the TEC NEWS coins up to number 61 have been mailed out last July. After we get this TEC NEWS in the mail we will start mailing out the coins appearing in this issue. The elongated coins that are left will then be returned to Lloyd E. Wagaman who has made and donated these coins to TEC. He will then destroy any and all coins that are left. Thank you Lloyd for donating these nice TEC NEWS coins to us.

I would like to thank all who have written me articles for the TEC NEWS, as this was appreciated by us all. I hope you keep on writing articles as without articles there would be no TEC NEWS.

All new issues are to be sent to me and I will write about them as you send them in. If you don't do this I can't write about them. If you have new coins for sale, that you have just made let me hear about them. Give me the price of the coin and where to send for them. This will be appreciated by all.

No article will be returned. Articles should be written so they can be read, or so I can make out the writing. Better still, why not type it up if you can. Articles will be rejected if aimed to hurt anyone in any way and I will stick to that policy. So be kind and just write about elongated coins and keep us all happy. After all no one is perfect.

Articles should be about elongated coins or something to do with elongated coins. If you want better articles, why not sit right down and write that article you have been meaning to write. You can bet it will be appreciated by all.

Below is a list of names that have earned a TEC NEWS coin for the July issue. These coins were already sent out this past July.

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|---|--------------------|------|
| 36. - From the President's Desk - - - - -               | Sally Kirka        | #16  |
| 37. - Why this Coin was rolled - - - - -                | Lloyd E. Wagaman   | #33  |
| 38. - <b>Happy Anniversary Sally</b> - - - - -          | Al Kirka           | #450 |
| 39. - Exhibiting makes good reading too - - - - -       | Sally Kirka        | #16  |
| 40. - Some Data about the House of Elongateds - - - - - | Lee Martin         | #129 |
| 41. - Worlds first Airline - - - - -                    | Joe Rakaskas       | #64  |
| 42. - The Oldest Fair in the Nation - - - - -           | Jack W. Gladfelter | #18  |
| 43. - My first P.N.C'S - - - - -                        | Richard Townsend   | #365 |
| 44. - Hello Sally - - - - -                             | Abe Gefter         | #121 |
| 45. - French Alliance Stamp - - - - -                   | Sally Kirka        | #16  |
| 46. - Notes of Interest - - - - -                       | Sally Kirka        | #16  |
| 47. - Three Pleasant Surprises - - - - -                | Robert Dadson      | #550 |
| 48. - Spotting Owls along the Highways - - - - -        | Barbara Izzo       | #662 |
| 49. - The 1978 TEC NEWS Coins - - - - -                 | Sally Kirka        | #16  |
| 50. - 1978 - The Year of the Horse - - - - -            | Chester Rogers     | #515 |
| 51. - California to New Jersey -Your Welcome - - - - -  | James Davisson     | #559 |
| 52. - Elmer Anderson's beautiful Covers - - - - -       | Sally Kirka        | #16  |
| 53. - TEC NEWS is Grest - - - - -                       | Harold Snyder      | #98  |
| 54. - Big Ben - - - - -                                 | Joe Rakaskas       | #64  |
| 55. - The Statue of Liberty Walks Off - - - - -         | Jack Wilcox        | #332 |
| 56. - Hawaiian Elongated Coin - - - - -                 | Kazuma Oyama       | #663 |
| 57. - Beam Bottle Elongated Coins - - - - -             | Rita Stankiewicz   | #69  |
| 58. - Lets Help Sally - - - - -                         | Peter Carmel       | #712 |
| 59. - Unlisted Directory Errors - - - - -               | Douglas Fairbanks  | #623 |
| 60. - Just Thinking - - - - -                           | Cliff Roth         | #595 |
| 61. - Kewpies Forever - - - - -                         | Marie Trinny       | #37  |



## TOOK TEC NEWS TO COIN MEETING

by Grace Morrison TEC #312  
Youngstown, Ohio

As a member of one coin club my friend and I were the ones who suggested to the Youngstown Numismatic Club to have a special elongated coin made to celebrate their 50th Golden Anniversary 1928-1978.

One day I thought perhaps the members of my club would like to know a little about "The Elongated Collectors". Some members did not seem to care too much about elongated coins. So I explained at the meeting about our TEC club, how a die had to be made, how the coins were treated first and then how they were rolled. I had a friend of mine make me some special covers for their elongated coin. Then I took along a few other covers I had with elongated coins in them.

Many members of my club were really surprised at what they saw. They said, they never knew there was anything like that made with the elongated coins. They all liked what they saw. Most had seen a few elongated coins now and then at Flea Markets, but just never thought of them being made up into Philatelic Numismatic Covers.

I put the 13¢ mini Indian stamp on them and will have them canceled at our local post-office September 7th, the date the first meeting was held fifty years ago.

We asked Bob Luchtman to make our anniversary elongated coins for us and we limited the number of the elongated coins made to 200. As I belong to the Beaver Coin Club of Columbiana, Ohio, we also had Mr. Bob Luchtman make the dies and roll the elongated coins for the clubs last two coin shows (1969 and 1970). These coins were also limited to 200 made. The 1969 elongated coin has a Beaver cutting a tree, while the 1970 coin has a Beaver paddling a canoe.

My friend Al Wagel made a few covers especially for me and they are all hand drawn and colored. He also made some special Christmas cards with pictures of each postage stamp issued for the year. They are sold by the Artopages Company. It would be nice to have elongated coins for his cards. As I hope to start a collection of Christmas Covers with elongated coins to replace the ones that were stolen.

I'm also interested in the Space Program. Have followed it since Explorer I went up in 1958. Would like to use some of my Space Covers, Mercury, Apollo, Viking Apollo Sayuz and Space Shuttle Covers and add elongated coins in every one of the covers, especially the ones that are autographed by the astronauts.

Anyone wishing to buy the 50th anniversary elongated coin, the club is selling them for 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E. Send your order to me and I'll make sure you get your order. Send to Mrs. Grace Morrison, 23 Pasadena Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44507. Do it now before they are all sold out.

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## COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin you receive with this issue of TEC NEWS has been donated by Chester Rogers of Leachville, Arkansas. This is Chet's self portrait elongated coin stating "Elongated Roller", above and name "Chet" below. We thank him for his donation and hope you all like his coin.

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## SEVENTH DESIGN BRINGS SANTA TO NEW JERSEY AGAIN

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332  
North Brunswick, N.J.



This being the seventh Christmas elongated coin design and the fact that my wife Peg had a special Santa in mind for our 1978 coin, all problems were solved. With the previous seasonal designs I used a postal theme and it was only fair to let Peg select her own special Santa theme this time. With a favorite old time Santa card (made before postcard era) featuring the foreign Saint Nick in his flowing fur trimmed gown, Peg made her selection.

We next zeroxed this card at the library, came home and began the wording outline and arrangement. Drawing an outline from an elongated coin, we tried several lines until we found one that fit without crowding and told our greeting. We like to have the elongated coin denote it is from New Jersey. I also wanted the stamp perforation border to identify our issue.

The wording elected reads as follows: CHRISTMAS 1978 WISHES FROM NEW JERSEY - JACK & PEG WILCOX - (Santa carrying bag, tree and ladder).

Checking through my Christmas elongated coin collection which has now passed the one hundred mark. No full length Santa with flowing gown has to my knowledge appeared so this could be a first, so to speak.

The next step was to send Bob Luchtman the zerox copy of the Santa along with my rough sketch with the lettering. The sketch I drew elongated size and large but rough for my artistic talents are poor. Bob approved the design idea, did the art work and made up the die. I mailed a check and put in our order.

Bob sent the elongated coins via United Parcel Service, addressed to my letter carrier route #287 North Brunswick, N.J. This caused a slight delay for the U.P.S. doesn't deliver to the Post Office. A postcard notice was sent and Peg phoned in for home delivery and the parcel arrived the next day. No harm done, in fact it was comical to me.

Peg and I are pleased with the seventh Christmas design and we would like to give Bob Luchtman special thanks for a job well done.

Hopefully this holiday season will encourage more interesting elongated coins. Creating your own personal Christmas coin is a satisfying experience. The elongated coins are nice to add to your next Christmas card for your special collector friends. It is also fun seeking Christmas cards to match in with your elongated coin design.

This is our second Santa design. The Santa card has a hand written message in German dated 1887, on the back. We picked the card at a local flea market.

Christmas wishes from N.J. - Jack & Peg Wilcox.



## Announcing...

Roy Grabowski, TEC #700 and Lynette Dauphin were recently married. Roy is the son of Chet Grabowski, TEC treasurer, and Lynette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Dauphin of Rockville, Conn. We wish the young couple a long and happy marriage



## IDEAS FOR ELONGATED COINS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Where does a roller of elongated coins get his ideas for making a certain elongated coin? It sort of makes you wonder at times. At times you have to come up with a good idea if a roller expects to sell his elongated coins. After all that's what the rollers expect to do with their elongated coins, is to sell them. So an idea for an elongated coin should be very good to sell.

I've been asked why don't I make certain things on elongated coins? Like I said, it cost money to make a die, unless you do your own engraving. Then if a die of an elongated coin is not appealing to others, they would care less how much money it cost you to make the die, as no one will buy it. While other collectors will buy just about every elongated coin out. There are so many elongated coins out in the last few years that I don't think everyone can really keep up with them all. Yet there are some collectors that will buy every elongated coin that comes out. Don't get me wrong as that's all right with me. The more that buy the elongated coins the better for those that make them, as the more they sell, the more different ones they will make.

A Christmas elongated coin is a good seller all the time as many members collect or try to collect every Christmas elongated coin out. There are many different designs, or dies of the Christmas Themes. These Christmas elongated coins make up a nice display for an exhibit during the Christmas season. Think about it and try your luck with a nice Christmas exhibit of Christmas elongated coins at a coin show, or at one of your coin clubs you belong to. As I was writing this an idea came to me and I may just try it.

The space elongated coins were good collectors items as there are many collectors who will buy any token, medal, or you name it, as long as it has something to do with space-ships. So these elongated coins were very good sellers, or so I think.

Many times as we read the papers or a magazine we get ideas for a die. While other times you'll see an idea as you look around. You may have a building on a die for an elongated coin. Something you don't see too much of, on coins lately. Yet one building on a coin can be beautiful too. Sometimes a beautiful landmark which is being torn down gives an idea for a die. Yet unless you live in the town, or knew about this building you may not sell many elongated coins. Take the old stand-by the Lord's Prayer on an elongated coin and it will sell all the time where another beautiful elongated coin gets passed by at a dealers table. Like I said, to some they would care less what design you had on the coin unless it was appealing to them or they were collectors of a certain thing. So the idea you make for an elongated coin has to be a good one and not just anything you may think is a good idea. It costs money no matter what you make and don't let anyone kid you that it doesn't.

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NEW ISSUES

Mrs. Grace Morrison, 23 Pasedena Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44507, has a 50th anniversary elongated coin that was made for the "Youngstown Numismatic Club's Golden Anniversary 1928-1978, Youngstown, Ohio. The elongated coin sells for 50¢ each, plus an S.A.S.E. Anyone wishing to buy one can write to the above address. As only 200 of these elongated coins were rolled, don't wait too long before you send for one, as the supply is limited.

## MY FIRST P.N.COVER

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662  
Carlstadt, N.J.

While I was enjoying the cool breeze one day this summer on one of our cool days, I was thinking of what ideas I could come up with for this years Christmas elongated coin. This year I decided to try and make my first Philatelic Numismatic Cover (P.N.Cover).

Little by little I'm getting a few ideas that I'd like to try. I was really happy that I received a few P.N.Covers from my different friends for Christmas. I also bought a few at different coin shows that we attended. I have to thank our TEC president Sally Kirka for getting me started on this idea. As this will be my first try, I don't expect it to be the best, but I will try to do my best. Sally said, if I keep on trying I will learn from my mistakes until I make them better.

One evening in June I called our TEC president Sally Kirka for more information. She kept encouraging me to keep trying to make that P.N.Cover for Christmas. She gave me some good ideas to get started. I already am working on one idea that I am hoping to put to-gether. I asked a few of my friends and they all said they liked the ideas very much. As a matter I'm trying to get my friends to join TEC and let her join in on the fun of making a P.N.Cover too. I already gave her three of my elongated coins that I designed myself. I told her all about the nice people we have in TEC and especially our TEC president Sally Kirka and her husband Al Kirka who is also the TEC secretary.

One day this summer I visited with my Dad while he was fishing. He pointed out an owl's nest near by in the swamps. There were two baby owls in the nest and the mother owl sitting by on the branch of a tree. The owls didn't move, but they sure were watching us. No one really bothered them as the men were only interested in fishing. I did notice that the men were leaving food around for the owls. My Dad told me if I liked the owls so much, I should have a camera with me at all times. Around where we live in New Jersey there are plenty of owls around. I would like to hear from others who have owls on elongated coins, as these coins make a nice collection too. My first three elongated coins I had made for myself I had owls put on them.

Our G.E.N.A. Convention on September 28th will be selling some elongated coins at the door and I will be there selling them. If you are there stop by and buy one. Even our Northern Valley Coin Club is now selling a chance on a gold piece for a dollar and you get the elongated coin with it. My husband John and I were in charge of having these elongated coins made up for this October coin show. Just another elongated coin to add to your collection. Be it elongated coins or P.N.Covers with elongated coins, happy hunting to you all.

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NOTICE - - - - NOTICE - - - - NOTICE

Remember if you haven't written an article yet, why not give it a try. Send in the article before the deadline. If it comes in late it will be put in the next issue. If you find an unusual elongated coin why not let us all hear about it by writing about it. This way we all learn from it. There are so many interesting things you can write about for us all to read. About the new rollers writing about your experience about selling your elongated coins as I'm sure you have some good stories to tell us. There's always someone who comes up with something funny. The next deadline for the TEC NEWS is Nov. 14th for ads and Nov. 16th for articles. At this time no pictures can be used. So stop and think and write your article now!



**"TEC" INTRODUCTION**

by Irving R. Canter TEC #753  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

I've been an interested hobbiest, involved in collecting stamps and coins for more than half a century. All of which afforded me so many, many hours of pleasurable recreation and pastime and to boot, an occasional profit.

My first introduction to hardcore "elongated coin" collecting came most recently, when a friend gave me a elongated coin with the Lord's Prayer on it. I became delightfully engrossed in learning the who, what, where and how of becoming a dyed in the wool elongated coin collector. My first contact was made through an advertisement in the Coin World newspaper. I then wrote to Mr. Bob Dadson, who sent me all the clubs anniversary elongated coins that he had available. He was kind enough to direct me to other sources, one namely Mr. Elmer Anderson of Warwick, R.I. Mr. Anderson informed me of "THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS" and sponsored me for membership. I am now a newly instated card holder in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS organization. I've gotten on the band wagon and now I can forsee many pleasant hours of searching for a collection of the elusive prize, "Completion".

I've compared "elongated coin" collecting with many other hobbies and I conclude with the idea that it is far above in many respects. It affords for a vast view of many geographic points of interest. It's unlimited fields provide for a varied bird's eye panorama of world and American Historic scenes. It is generally a cross section of Americana and can be highly mind-broadening. Educationally speaking, it reaches to the highest peaks. Lastly, there is the matter of the hobby being very economical. making it very easy for an average Joe or Joan to pursue. Not to be forgotten is the excellent opportunity for one to add to one's genial friendship list. Here is a fervent wish from a newly started, "Elongated Coin Collector. So Enjoy, Enjoy."

**TO TAKE A NAP OR NOT**

by Al Kirka TEC #450  
Manchester, Conn.

Tomorrow I bring the July issue of the TEC NEWS to the post-office and as of this writing, it is only June 3rd. Now you'd think I could take a nap when I felt like it, but not with the TEC editor around. Just as I closed my eyes for a minute, Sally came over and said, in a loud voice, "If you don't know what to do, why not start thinking of an article to write for the TEC NEWS?" Well thats my Gal Sal, always thinking of T.E.C.

Somehow Sally and I just keep doing one thing after another. You'd think after we just finished the July issue that we could rest a little. Well Sally just ordered the ribbons for the TEC badges so we have to take a ride into Hartford, Connecticut and pick them up. As soon as we receive the elongated quarters from Bob Luchtman, Sally and I will go to town and add the quarters, or the TEC badges to the ribbons. All this must be ready for the TEC meeting at the ANA convention in Houston, Texas.

Sally now is working on a Board action, so she already asked me to take the typed sheet and have a few copies Xeroxed so she can mail them out tomorrow. I assured Sally I'd do that for her tomorrow so now back to my nap.

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## TO TAKE A NAP OR NOT

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Again Sally said, loud and clear, "If that is all you got to do, we have to get the TEC NEWS Coins in the mail this week. There are envelopes to address, a list of names to make up and then make sure all those that had an article of 250 words or more in their article receive their TEC NEWS Coins." So as you can see, not much sleep for me this afternoon, but maybe later.

Well later didn't come, as when I tried to nap the third time Sally said, "Gosh if you're going to nap only, why not give me a hand rolling some elongated coins for the ANA convention." So I'll do just that, as if anything can slow Sally up is doing this. Then again she just may find something else for us to do. We both work on everything, as Sally said, "We will get things done that much faster." I'm glad we have Fathers Day next week as thats a holiday for all husbands and fathers. Are you listening Sally?

All in all it isn't that bad and as Sally would say, "The sooner we get it done, we can both get a rest. So my hat is off to you Sally for seeing that all the TEC work gets done."

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"WHERE ARE THE OTHER TWO PITTSBURGH, PA. ELONGATED COINS?"

by Richard Gaetano TEC #706  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

As a collector of elongated coins and Pittsburgh, Pa., tokens and medals, my search continues for the four Pittsburgh elongated coin pieces of which I have two of them. I have seen only two of the elongated coins. What has happened to the other two different designed elongated coins? Dottie Dow lists the following four elongated coins in her book (page 112). 1. Pittsburg Promotes Progress 1911, 2. Pittsburgh's Bigland Show 1910, 3. Dedication of Memorial Hall 1910, 4. East Liberty Exposition 1911.

I have number 2 and 3, but I have never seen number 1 and 4. I would like to hear from the T.E.C. members who have (or have seen) the "other two" elongated coins. There is one additional elongated coin which could be listed as a Pittsburgh piece (found on page 113). This is the Sewickley Coraopolis Bridge Opening 1911. This is only a few miles out of Pittsburgh so it could be considered as one. I have seen this elongated coin, also one rolled on a foreign coin, but do not own one yet.

One additional reason for the search is that the Western Pa., Numismatic Society is in the process of making a book on Allegheny County (Pa.) tokens and medals and we will be listing these elongated coins. As a member of the Society we need to accumulate as much knowledge about these pieces as soon as possible.

Another elongated coin that can be added to this list (modern), is the 1977 South Hills Coin Club issue, which I had recommended and ordered for this coin club of which I am a member. Some of these elongated coins are still available for 35¢ and S.A.S.E. Please write to the South Hills Coin Club, Box 161, Bethel Park, Pa. 15102. So in closing the search goes on for the "other two" elongated coins. Anyone having any information can write to me, Richard A. Gaetano, 5332 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236.

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## NOTES OF INTEREST

Congratulations to two of our TEC members, Scott Lum of 926 E. Alewa Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 and Tom Izzo of 411 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072, on graduating from High School this June. Most of us know that day is a special day in our lives. Now on to bigger and better things. Good luck in whatever job you men choose. Maybe one of these days one of you just may become President of this wonderful country of ours. You know it could happen too.

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Bob Dadson of Carlstadt, N.J. received the award of the month in May at the Bergen County Coin Club when he gave a talk on some of his elongated coins and his anniversary cover he and his wife received in April, that was made special for them.

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Al and I made a surprise visit in June to Lou Desrochers of Rhode Island to his beautiful lakeside home at one of the lakes there. Lou put on a show for us and did some water skiing and did a nice job of it. We had a very enjoyable day there as many other friends drove in for a visit as we did. Everything went off perfect but Lou kept insisting everyone that came had to take one kitten home with them. It seemed three of Lou's cats had kittens and Lou did his best to make you take one cute angora kitten home. I had to let him know that I collect elongated coins and not cute kittens. Lou even wanted to give one as a door prize but no one wanted a free door prize either. Thanks just the same Lou.

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Thanks to all those members that sent in their TEC articles early. This way I can do a little at a time and rest up a little during the summer too. TEC NEWS was in the mail one week when I received a few articles. So a special thanks to all of you that sent their articles in June. How nice it was to sit and relax a little in our back yard. Hope you all had a nice summer too.

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Ray Wagner Jr., thank you for all the nice things you do. I'm so proud of your beautiful French Alliance Covers. If you haven't ordered yours, you're missing the boat. I ordered some, bought his "York elongated coin", cut the holes out in the envelope and did the same for the cardboard and sealed the elongated coin in it. What a beautiful P.N.Cover this made. There was more about this cover in the last issue of the TEC NEWS.

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Wow, another member who makes some outstanding covers is Jack Gladfelter. I'm not kidding, his ideas are really great. All very neatly made and they sure belong in the TEC members collections. I'm hoping I can buy some from him as I'd be proud to exhibit them. So folks try your luck and think up an idea of your own for a P.N.Cover. You can use just about any elongated coin in your cover.

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I still like the way Harold Anderson last year tried his best to make his first P.N.Cover. I give him "A" for trying as no one showed him how to make them. One thing he made was priceless and that was a cover he made special for me. It seems Harold ran out of coins so in the window he printed a message to me and canceled this and he gave it to me. Its added to my collection. So have fun and try your luck, as next year we want more members to enter their P.N.Covers to see if they can win.

NEW ISSUES - - - - NEW ISSUES - - - - NEW ISSUES - - - - NEW ISSUES

Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route 1 - Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113. The elongated coins sell for \$1.00 each.

IND. #43 - ISNA 1978 (Ind. State Numis. Assn.)	700 rolled - die destroyed
IND. #44 - Bill & Rita Stobaugh (Silver Wedding Anniv.)	214 rolled - die destroyed
IND. #45 - Indiana State Fair, Ballon Race 1978	255 rolled - die destroyed
KY. #3 - A.V.A. Louisville, Ky. 1978	305 rolled - die destroyed
TEX. #4 - Souvenir of Houston, Tex. 1978	205 rolled - die destroyed
TEX. #5 - T E C, Houston, Tex. 1978	205 rolled - die destroyed

New issues by a new TEC member, Mike Burke of Monrox, Inc., 475 F.D.R. Drive, New York, N.Y. 10002. Mike and his partner have rolled elongated coins since 1978 and the sample coins he has sent me are, #1 The Statue of Liberty, N.Y. and the wording, "I was there". #2. is a 1931 Pierce Arrow model A car. #3. is a 1904 White model B car. #4 is a Bugatte model - 50 T - car. #5 is a 1929 Roosevelt model - S car. All the elongated coins are very nicely rolled and are excellent for car collectors and for anyone else that would like to buy these coins. As I wasn't given the price for these nice elongated coins, please write to this address for more information. Send a S.S.A.E. when writing for this information.

Remember Dottie Dow has also a new list of new issues out now. Anyone wanting this list, please write to her new address, Dottie Dow 3105 East Osborn, Phoenix, Arizona 85016. Don't forget to send a stamped self-addressed envelope when asking for this information.

Another new TEC member that has many new elongated coins made is Frank E. Brazzell, 53 South 20th Street, Terre Haute, Ind. 47803. Really some of them are beautiful and all are a collectors item. Frank has sent me some of the coins and I like them all. Again no price was given to me, so you have to write to Frank for more information about his coins. Don't forget that SSAE when asking for information. I know Frank has a new Lord's Prayer coin for those that collect all the Lord's Prayer elongated coins. If interested why not send for the price list right away.

As these people haven't written to me about their coins I'm trying to think who else has any coins for sale. I do not sell coins by mail yet as I just don't have the time. Give me a few more months and maybe I can start then.

Elmer Anderson, 35 Greewich Ave. Warwick, R.I. 02886 also has two new issues out at 75¢ each for the rolled out pennies. One is of the Wright Brothers, 75 years of powered flight and the other is the Yankee Doodle Dandy. Two very nice elongated coins. Don't forget that Mr. Anderson has many nice P.N. Covers to sell too. I've been buying them all and I'm very proud of them all. So if you are interested why not ask Mr. Anderson for more information about these covers with elongated cents in them. I know you won't be sorry.

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## IN MEMORY OF SYLVIA ODESSER

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Her smiling face is gone forever and her voice is still. Yet in our memory of her we will always see her smiling face and her cheerful greeting saying, "Hello Sally & Al, nice to see you both."

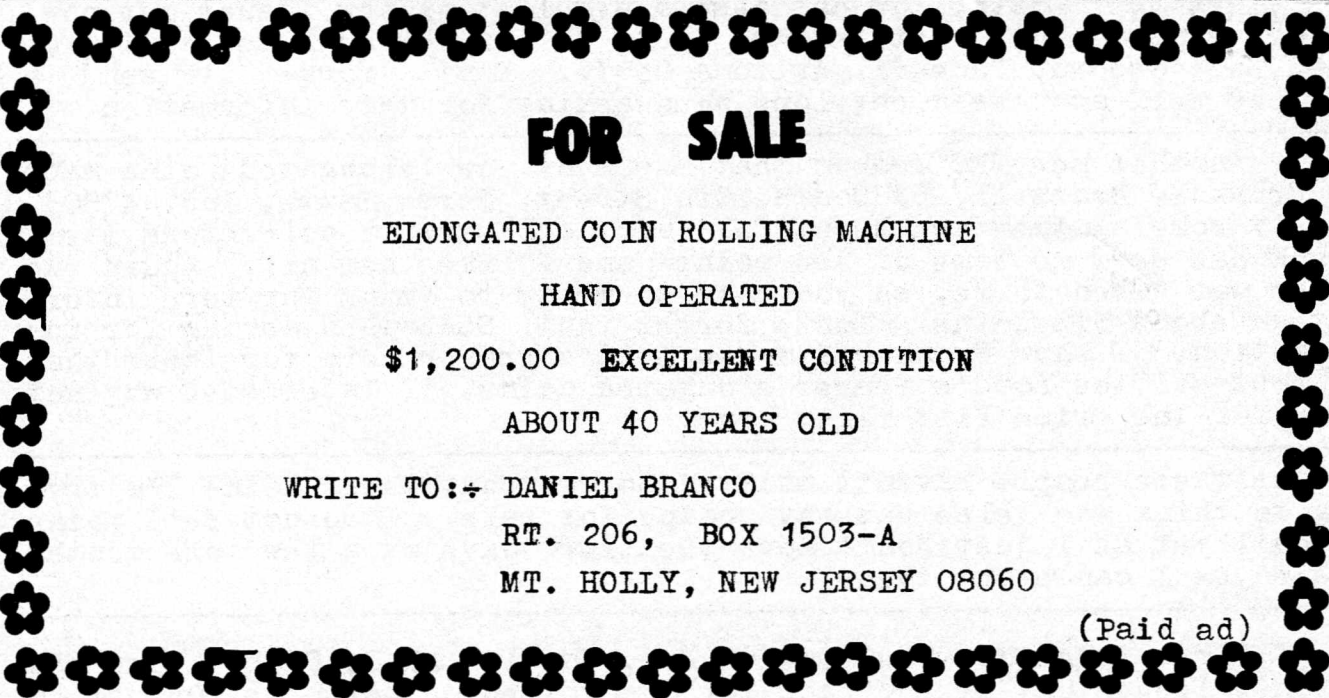
It was with deep sadness as I read the letter of August 2nd from Ben Odesser from Chicago, Illinois, writing to us that his dear wife Sylvia Odesser TEC #697 had passed away July 29th from that dreaded sickness, cancer. Believe me this was very sad news to Al and I and I know many of the TEC members who knew her will agree with us.

Ben and Sylvia always attended all the A.N.A. conventions. When Sylvia had the time she always sat down with us in a special TEC corner of the hotel lobby. You can bet when the TEC members get together they always have fun. Even with everyone talking at once everyone seemed to be happy just seeing each other. Everyone goes their way during the day, but we all manage to get together sometime during the day or evening. Our last get together with Sylvia was in New York City. She reminded me that she enjoyed the A.N.A. convention, but always looked forward to sitting with us all in the lobby.

This year in Houston, Texas we will all miss her smiling face and that friendly hello that Sylvia had for us all at the convention. A silent tear, a silent prayer and your memory of your friendship will always be very dear to us. This I say from the bottom of our hearts.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ben Odesser and his family from the officers and members of "The Elongated Collectors".

So long my friend Sylvia Odesser.



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## In Memoriam

It has been brought to our attention that Mr. Jerry Bates, TEC #555 had passed away and it is the desire of the membership to send their condolences to the family.

**"HELP"**

by David Yamarino TEC #747  
Roseville, Mich.

I am a new collector of elongated coins and while reading the July-September issue of the TEC NEWS I realized it is very hard to find price lists of early as well as modern elongated coins. I'm sure other new collectors are having the same kind of problems.

I've heard that Bob Callander and Lloyd Wagaman has put out "The Unlisted Directory", but where do I find a copy of it, even a zerox copy of the list would be of great value. Its impossible to get a copy of "Dottie Dow's book" as it is no longer for sale. If I could find a copy of her book, I'm told it would cost as much as \$75.

Maybe I'm new at collecting elongated coins, but I thought some one out there could answer these few questions and maybe help some of us new collectors. If some of this information or the names and addresses of the people with this information could be put in the TEC NEWS. It would be a start for us new people. I am lucky to be able to use my father-in-laws copy of Dottie Dow's book, but it has an old price list. I also have a few price lists that were put out by some of the many rollers, but these are mostly lists of modern elongated coins.

I've just completed a letter to Lee Martin to add my name to the list for his new book on elongated coins. I hope I'm not too late. As I can see his book will be the newest elongated coin book, or "bible" most collectors will be going by for some time to come.

I hope I have gotten my message across to some of the dealers and collectors, that we new people need a little "HELP" from our friends.

I'm looking for a complete collection of the State-Hood series. I'm not even sure what a good price would be.

Editor's note: I wrote you a letter answering your questions as best as I know how. There is another book being written about modern coins by A.A. Rosato, 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn. 06776. Please order your copy from him as soon as you can. When these books are ready I think you will get all your answers and these books will be tops with lots of information. From time to time the roller will put out a price list of his coins. Most that have elongated coins for sale will write to you. In the meantime ask your father-in-law for any help you may need, or write to me and I can try and get it for you as we will gladly help you in any way we can. As a matter lot of people will help you if they can. On another page is Dottie Dows new address telling about the new price list she has. How about writing to her for more information and use her new address.

## NEW MEMBERS

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BEAM BOTTLE DUPLICATES....NO!

by A.A. Rosato TEC #23  
New Milford, Conn.

With almost every issue of TEC NEWS I find myself on the verge of sitting at my typewriter to respond to the many many questions the members find troublesome due to lack of knowledge or information.

Well, this time I shall come forth with the hope that I can answer to the "mix up" that member Rita Stankiewicz experienced with the "Beam Bottle" series for issue #105 and #122.

Danny Crabb, whom I had personally met at the 1973 Boston Convention, and one heck od a nice man, who is no longer with us began one of the largest series in elongated history. He started his first Beam elongated in January, 1969 and Warren Bunge was the roller for the first 72 issues. The series had a short pause ending in February, 1970. However it emerged again the following month, when Danny had aquired a rolling machine and resumed the series by rolling the "Beams" himself.

Having rolled the subsequent 72 issues, for a total of 144, Danny realized he had duplicated two subjects in the series: Issue #14, Harold's Club Nevada Grey with #122 of the same name; and also, issue #18, New Jersey Grey with #105 of the same name. In other words, issues #105 and #122 were duplicates of #18 and #14, respectively. Therefore, Danny later replaced a new issue for #105 with Zimmerman Cherub and #122 with Blue Slot Machine.

Now Rita, please dont trade those duplicates! They are different varieties, even though they seem to be very much the same. The first #14 was rolled by Bunge and the engraver was A-1 engravers and so was #18. The second #105 and #122 were rolled by Danny and engraved by L.P. Engravers in Arizona. Thus, inspect the coins carefully and you will note the slight variations in comparing each one of them.

The above is just one of the example answers that my new book will clarify to the many questions I've not had the time to explain personally to a member. However, I can report at this writing that the catalog segment of this work is finally completed and is readied for the printers. This does not mean, however, that the book is finished as there are many hours ahead of proof-reading, along with several other sections still pending. My health has limited my work load and it wont be for a while that I can announce a release date. The facts remain that each week some progress is being made, and hopeful that all who have awaited these long years will appreciate the genuine efforts I have made to record a slice of history in elongateds. Rita, I do hope this has been of some help to you!!!

#### NEW ISSUES

New issues of elongated coins out by C.M. (Cliff) Roth, 12718 Hart Street, North Hollywood, California 91605, has a beautiful coin out and get this, it has a picture of "KING TUT" on it. Really a beautifully engraved die, so the elongated coin is really nice. The elongated pennies sell at 75¢ each and the elongated clad dimes sell for \$1.25 each, plus your stamped self-addressed envelopes. Cliff Roth is a new roller of elongated coins and does a nice job of rolling coins. He also added his little C as his mark that he rolled the elongated coins. I like those little identifications (mint-marks) as I call them. This gives an idea to the TEC members and others as to who made the elongated coins and where and to whom to write for more information.

## DISCOURSE ON THE AMERICAN FLAG

by Irving R. Canter TEC #753  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Many times over, our flag, the greatest symbol of our Democratic nation has been utilized on stamps, coins, medals and elongated coins. Has anyone as yet, attempted to produce a series of American flags?

Beginning with the Viking flag which flew over Leif Ericson's ship in the tenth century. Then came two more versions flown by the great Italian navigator, Christopher Columbus. He represented the Spanish Rulers, Ferdinand and Ysabella, (seen as F. and Y. on a pennant type flag.) The other showed the arms of Castile and Leon on its quarters. This as we know, was in 1492 when Columbus was in search of a new route to the far east and to also prove that the earth was round. The subsequential discovery of America evolved from these circumstances. Then there was the use of flags to represent other Nations. The French flag flown by Samuel De Champlain, was the first raised in America in the year of 1604. The English flag of John Cabot flew in Canada in 1497. The British flag adopted in 1606 flew over the British Colonies in North America, beginning with Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. The Dutch East India Co., flag was flown by Henry Hudson, in 1609, in the New York area. The Russian American Co., was used at the Russian settlements in Alaska in 1799.

The first American type flag was the Taunton, Mass., flag raised in 1774. The Bedford flag was seen in 1775 and carried the words, "Vince Aut Morire", in French translation, ("Conquer or Die".) Then appeared on the scene, the Naval flags. American ships in New England waters flew a Liberty tree flag in 1775, with the inscription "An Appeal to Heaven". About the same time appeared the Continental Naval flag, a red and white striped flag with a rattlesnake design across the field and the words, "Don't Tread On Me" between the bottom two stripes. The flag of 1777 had no official arrangement for the stars. One version had twelve stars around the thirteenth, all in a navy blue background in the upper left hand corner. This flag was carried into battle by the 3rd Maryland Regiment and had seven red stripes with six white stripes between. Another such type flag was very similar and had all thirteen stars in a circle in a navy blue field, and in the upper left corner were seven red and six white stripes completed the design. The Rhode Island flag was carried into the fray from 1776-1781. It had thirteen stars in a field of navy blue in the upper left corner. The word "Hope" and an anchor and rope, in blue on a white background. In 1777 at the battle of Bennington was seen another type which was then followed by a series of southern flags. Such as Virginia's Culpepper Minutemen, printed on a standard with "Liberty Or Death" on the sides of a coiled rattlesnake. Across the bottom were the words, "Don't Tread On Me". Next seen flying was William Moultrie's flag, white Liberty on a navy background and in the upper left corner was a crescent moon in white. Next in importance was the flag of 1795. It had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, representing the fifteen states. Then appeared still another series, such as, "Perry's flag with the famed comment, "Don't Give Up The Ship". These were actually the dying words of a Revolutionary War hero, James Lawrence in 1813.

In 1818 the current flag had twenty stars and thirteen stripes and at the same time was seen the great star flag. It had the twenty stars formed into the shape of one large star. The Alamo and the Texas Naval flag were two more flags flown in the south.

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## DISCOURSE ON THE AMERICAN FLAG

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In 1846 for a few months, the California Bear flag flew over an independent California Republic. In 1861 the Confederates had their own Stars and Bars flag and her troops carried a battle flag, (Some times much in evidence.) A navy blue diagonal with thirteen white stars surrounded by a narrow white diagonal on a field of red. The Kentucky and Missouri, secession governments had a flag with stars for eleven states only. In 1863 the flag resembled a flag of truce, so they added a red bar on the right side and was used until 1865.

In 1861 the flag used by the north, (Federal Government) had thirty four stars, for all the states including the south.

Today's flag has seven red stripes and six white stripes in between. In the upper left corner are five rows of six stars, with four rows of five stars between them in white on a navy blue background. There are fifty states represented on the most recent flag, since the statehood of Alaska and Hawaii.

Perhaps someone will try to put out such a series and attempt it with enamel on elongated coins. It sounds very colorful and would be a collectors dream.

Can any of my fellow "TEC" members tell me, is there a method for etching elongated coins, leaving the coins eligible for coloring? I'm aware of "Porcelainizing" which was quite a fad in the early part of the century. I've seen various watches at shows and many pieces of cutlery decorated in this manner.

My closing remarks will re-echo words that have been said many times before, "OUR FLAG, LONG MAY IT WAVE".

## EDITOR'S NOTE

by Sally Kirka TEC #16

In answer to Irving Canter's article, as you are a new member you wouldn't know that Dottie Dow our first TEC president made many of these flag series that you mentioned in your article. These were made over ten years ago. Many of the members have these elongated coins. I do not know if these elongated coins are still for sale now. Will check with Dottie Dow about this at the ANA convention and will let you know. Dottie has also made a beautiful series of state flags on elongated coins. A beautiful set to own.

Now as far as painting elongated coins, I think members have been painting elongated coins for many years now. As a matter of fact I must have painted about 500 coins, since last January. I've painted my state flag series and the 13 colonial flags years ago and have won about 15 "Best of Show" awards at the coin shows with these painted elongated coins. I paint just about any elongated coin that I think can be painted. You have to have a good steady hand and good eyes help a lot too. Its not easy to paint if you don't have them both.

Dottie Dow has also made a beautiful Canadian set of the different Canadian flags and also their coin set of the animal set. These look very nice painted also.

I paint one of every Christmas elongated coin that I get. This also makes a beautiful Christmas exhibit. So as you see Irving, the painting of elongated coins is not new to the TEC collectors. The one coin that still looks the best painted is Uncle Sam and our own beautiful flag of the United States.

If anyone else has done any painting of elongated coins let us hear about it as this makes good reading to hear what you are doing. Also the new members would like to hear about the different things members do. If you haven't tried painting elongated coins, why not give it a try. Its a good pastime in the winter when there is a foot or more of snow on the ground.

## HENRY FORD AND HIS CARS

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

I remember when as a small child my family lived a few miles out in the country on a highway going into Henderson, Texas. I had an older sister and brother. My Daddy said, "Don't you children cross that road because a car could run over you." My Daddy was a stern man but a good man. He never gave us a second chance, but when he told us something it was for our own good.

One day we forgot and crossed the road to build a play house. As we returned home Daddy saw us and wow what a spanking we got! It was a good lesson because we stayed in our own yard after that.

Each day we saw the cars pass our house going into town. It seemed they were really speeding, but I am sure they did not go over 20-25 miles per hour. I could not figure out how someone sat down in a seat and the car moved on down the highway. Our neighbor owned a big Ford touring car. We went to church and movies with them.

Henry Ford is one of the best known men in the United States because of the fine cars he manufactured. His first car was made in 1903 and sold for \$800. His early cars were called the MODEL "T" and better known as the TIN-LIZZY. Ford Motor Company made 1,708 cars during the first year of production. In 1929 his plants turned out 182,585 of these cars. When I look at the "WALTON'S" on the T.V. and see the old vintage cars they use, it brings back memories.

Mr. Ford wanted his son Henry to be a farmer, but Henry's sole passion was machinery. He dismantled, reassembled, repaired, greased and transformed all he could get his hands on. He built the most famous automobile of all time, apart from definitely creating the largest mechanical undertaking of his time.

My Daddy's first car was a small Ford truck. He owned a furniture store and it was used to make deliveries. On Sunday afternoons we loaded up picnic lunches and swim suits and went to Galveston beach for an outing. Later in 1925 Daddy bought a Ford touring car. We thought it was the greatest. On rainy mornings the man that worked for Daddy would put up the side curtains and come and take us to school. At this time Hugh's Dad had a 1925 CHEVEROLET coupe with a rumble seat. It was fun to load up all the kids and go racing down the beach. At 25 miles an hour it seemed we were just flying.

Other automobiles coming into the pictures were: PIERCE-ARROW, RENAULT, AUSTIN, ROLLS-ROYCE, STUDEBAKER, CHEVEROLET, DODGE, OLDSMOBILE, NASH, CADILLAC and many others. Some of these are manufactured in France, Japan, Germany, Italy and England. The favorite car of President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a little Ford coupe with the spare tire on the right side of the hood and wire wheels. I do not know who rolled this elongated coin, but there is one made. I do know Lee Martin rolled most of my elongated coins showing the different cars and the year they were made. I have other elongated coins that I do not know who rolled them. All have high relief and are beautiful elongated coins.

In years past only the rich could own a Cadillac, but today a Ford THUNDERBIRD or L.T.D. will cost as much as a Cadillac.

My collection of elongated coins with cars on them are dated from 1910 to 1922.

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The deadline for articles for the next TEC NEWS is November 16, and for TEC ads November 14th. So don't forget and send in your articles early, the earlier the better. Do it now before you forget.



## THE GOVERNMENT IS GIVING US THE BIRD

by Peter Carmel TEC #712  
Englewood, N.J.

This last issue of the TEC NEWS, July/September 1978, was a real good one. Did you notice there were lots of good articles and stories by Sally Kirka, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Al Kirka, Lee Martin, Jack W. Gladfelter, Joe Rakaskas, Richard Townsend, Abe Geffer, Robert Dadson, Barbara Izzo, Chester Rogers, Harold Snyder, Jack Wilcox, Rita Stankiewicz, Kazuma Oyama, Cliff Roth, Marie Trinny, Douglas Fairbanks, and yours truly (myself). I just couldn't leave anyone out, including the poem by George Alexander. Where else in the whole world could you possibly get so much news, stories, etc., about our elongated coin hobby and all in one place. From all the stories I found many new places I could write to order more elongated coins. We can read many interesting stories by people who know the hobby from one end to the other, A-to-Z, or beginning to the end. Gosh, but their stories alone are worth a King's ransom. Sally is also going to try to get some pictures for the next TEC NEWS. This way we can see what some of the members look like and that's worth its weight in elongateds.

I've got to add something here for the record, on August 26th the United States Government Postal Service will issue, I think in honor of TEC, four, not one or two, but four owl stamps. I know they will be on sale at the postoffices before you read this, but go out and buy up a sheet and use them all on your letters and tell everyone the Government did it to honor TEC and our president Sally Kirka. (Thanks Peter for the nice dream.)

From Abe Geffer's article I've learned all about the Simon Novelty Co., and I contacted them to find out about their rolling machines and received their literature. I also received a very nice elongated coin about N.Y. City Big Apple. The literature I received was very interesting. Who knows I might even have a go at renting or maybe even buy a machine so I can roll my own coins someday. At least I'd like to have a go at it. I really would like to roll a few coins of my own design. In the old days I used to be a lithographer and I think I could do a good job of engraving a die. I've still got pretty good eyes and hands, so just maybe one day there will be a few of my elongated coins floating around.

Now, why don't some of you members jump in and write an article about your elongated coin collection and about some of the duplicated elongated coins you may have. I know Sally will be grateful to receive your article as she has said this time after time. She can really use your help and she won't have to hunt around to get material to fill each copy of the TEC NEWS. So let's help our organization out. We all enjoy reading anything to do with our hobby and what our members are doing with their elongated coins. The more articles the more we learn from each other.

Well time to get off the long distance line for this article. How I wish I could be along at the A.N.A. convention in Texas so I could meet Sally and Al and the rest of our members who will be going. I hate the hot weather, but I would even take that to be there and maybe I'd get to shake hands and find an elongated coin in my palm. It's wishful thinking, but maybe next year. So may you all have a nice time in Texas.

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Don't forget that article that you have been meaning to write. Send it before the next deadline of November 16, 1978. We will be looking for it.

## SPECIAL THANKS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

The July issue of the TEC NEWS just made it. When it came time to get busy typeing it, I had no articles to type. So what does an editor do, other than writing or doing as much as they can to get some kind of a newsletter out. So the next best thing is, send an S.O.S. letter to a few that I was hoping would help me out. That night I sat down and wrote a letter to a few members asking them to write an article to help me out. All the letters went out the same day to different parts of the United States. Wow, to my surprise by the end of the week I received an article from all. What a nice feeling to know that all wanted to help.

So I got my typewriter out and was as busy as a bee again. My S.O.S. letters helped me a lot. So a special thanks goes to the members who received my S.O.S. letters for articles and wrote right back. This was appreciated very much by your editor.

A few days later I received more articles from other members. There for awhile I thought I was forgotten. By printing time I had enough so the TEC NEWS was printed and everyone was happy again. I know I was, as without any articles there wont be any TEC NEWS. So members lets keep the TEC NEWS going by sending in those articles.

Sometimes you may think why should I worry as the less articles the less work for me, but as your President and TEC editor I promised to do my best to get a TEC NEWS out four times a year. This I will do if I have to write it myself. So thanks again to all for helping me out.

## CHINESE ASTROLOGY

by Chester Rogers TEC #515  
Leachville, Ark.

The Chinese believe that your character and your future were determined by the year of your birth. Whether you believe it or not here is an intriguing way to analyze yourself and your friends.

1971 - The year of the Pig - 1971. Persons born under the sign of the pig are loving and sensual. Pigs are sincere, warmhearted and lucky in finance. As a rule though their ability to bounce back undeniable. Pigs have to face some emotional disappointment during their lives. The Pig is gifted with a profound sense of peacefulness. Pigs like to read and study deep subjects and are considered very cultured and refined members of Society. The Pig also has a taste for the bawdy side of life. His stories are usually of the "earthy" variety. Because Pigs are so intelligent and sensitive, their advice to others is respected and sound.

No matter how many times they are let down or hurt, Pigs always manage to find love in their hearts. The best mates for Pigs are to be found among Cats. If a Dragon partner can curb his desire to fib to his gullible Pig mate, they can form a successful couple. Most of the other signs will have no difficulty attracting the willing Pig, but whether the relationships last is entirely contingent on just how honest the members of those signs can remain. The Pig's most cherished possession is his honor. Should anyone attempt to besmirch his good name, the Pig will stop at nothing to vindicate himself.

For more information on these Astrology elongated coins, please write to Chester Rogers, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438. Don't forget the stamped self-addressed envelope.



## QUESTION - BUT NOT THE ANSWERS!

by Carl M. Goss TEC #632  
Overland Park, Kansas

Were the accomplishment of my preference possible, my article would address itself to an informative aspect of the "world of elongated coins". Unfortunately my knowledge is far too limited to develop such a writing. My hope then, is to raise sufficient questions so that others, those possessed with the necessary knowledge will follow through with subsequent articles in our "TEC NEWS".

In studying my elongated coins which have been rolled on the Lincoln cents, I've noted that the obverse (front, face, or the Lincoln side of the cent) is sometimes very clear and pronounced. On others, the rolling has left the Lincoln image very faint. In still other instances, the Lincoln image has completely disappeared and the obverse of the cent is entirely smooth.

There must be an explanation for these various conditions. Perhaps I could venture a guess and say that is caused from the different amounts of pressure used when the coin is rolled. While this seems logical to me, I should think that those rolled under heavier pressure would tend to be thinner and larger coins than those rolled with lesser pressure. This does not seem to hold true as some of the coins I have appear to be identical in size but the image on the Lincoln side varies greatly.

Another aspect of the elongated cents which I do not know about concerns the reverse side of the Lincoln cent on which the design is rolled. That side of the coin always seems to be completely free and clear of any of the cent's original design. Before producing the elongated cent, it is possible that the reverse side of the cent is ground down and polished. I've never seen a roller. I've never seen a coin in the process of being rolled so have no idea what is done to the cent before it is rolled.

If I possessed a roller (and I do not), if I were going to roll a cent (and I'm not, at least in the near future), what would I use for the "master die"? Could I correctly assume that the design is cut, stamped, or engraved upon a piece of metal other than a Lincoln cent? What kind of metal is normally used? Apparently it would need to be harder than the copper cent. How is the design engraved or placed on the "die"? What kind of cutting tools are used?

Not having seen a roller, I've wondered how they are operated? Is it operated by hand or are they electrically driven, or are there both types? Do they contain one or two moving roller surfaces, or is one surface fixed and the second a movable-type roller?

These are but a few of the questions an inexperienced and uninformed elongated coin collector can ask? Perhaps you "pros" can respond with some informative articles and enlighten those of us who are "in the dark" about the finer points of the elongated cents.

Editors's note:- You do have some very good questions Carl from someone who has not seen an elongated coin rolled. Now lets see if some of the pros will write an article about this. These are the articles I would like to see in the TEC NEWS, but I can't force anyone to write. Sometimes its like pulling teeth to get a member to write an article and I'm greatful for any article I can get. I will ask a few pros to see if they will write an article in answer to your questions. In the meantime I will write you a letter telling you a little about how I roll my elongated coins. Just by luck we are having a program at the TEC meeting by George Kesterson where he will bring his rolling machine to show the members how elongated coins are rolled.

## JACK GLADFELTERS BEAUTIFUL IDEAS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

While enjoying the beautiful hot humid weather here June 21st, I received a large package in the mail from Jack W. Gladfelter from P.O.L.B. 173, Seven Valleys, Pa., 17360. Boy what a surprise I received from him with this package. In a way I sure was feeling very blue that day so this package sure made my day.

As I opened the package, there were other packages there, each saying "open carefully". So I did this very carefully and I'm glad I did. Boy what a nice surprise I received from Jack. He is another creative member who enjoys making up new ideas of what to do with the elongated coins. This time Jack really did a beautiful job. I somehow am glad to hear and see this as we can do wonders with elongated coins if we try. Jack also proved this.

Jack had a special 8½"x11" wooden sheet printed and a job well done by who ever did print the wood. On the top line it said, "Colonial York, Pennsylvania" and the second line reads, "First Capital of the United States". Then an eagle in the middle, then under it, it said "Birth of the Nation" with an elongated coin of the first Capitol of the U.S.A., York, Pa. A beautiful elongated coin too. I have a feeling Ray Wagner made this elongated coin, but I could be wrong. Under this elongated coin it tell a little of the history of York, Pa. Also on this sheet of wood it has three pictures, showing two buildings and Count Pulaski.

This unique wooden piece was then canceled November 15, 1977, at York, Pa., by Jack Gladfelter. He told me he had very few canceled, so I don't think he has any for sale. I'm just telling you of what he sent me as I feel so proud to be one of the lucky ones to receive one.

Now Jack is also a wooden money collector so if he is selling this wooden money sheet, you'll have to write to him for more information.

Jack also told me that this wood looks very nice in a frame and I agree on this. Al went out and bought me a frame to put it in. The wood itself is 8½"x11" and is very thin wood so you can see you have to be very careful of it. I'm really very proud of mine as it is wooden money, a wooden postcard and of course with an elongated coin, it belongs in our collection too. Then when its canceled it can be called a wooden P.N.Cover with an elongated coin on it.

Jacks letter was so interesting as he told me of other ideas he has done, such as making other P.N.Covers. I had to reread his letter a few times as there were so many things he wrote about. Honest I enjoyed his letter very much. It was so good to hear of what the other members are doing.

Wow, you should see the P.N.Covers he also sent in that package. Each one is so nice I had to write and ask him if I could buy some that he is making. He entered the French Alliance Cover into the race for the best cover made. All the P.N.Covers he sent will be shown at the TEC meeting as I sure wish other members would get interested in making up their own ideas. Honest the covers I've seen from the members have been outstanding and Jack Gladfelter's are just that. It seems every member has his own ideas and boy, what nice ideas they have. Jack, keep up the good work and lets hear more of what you are doing. Thanks for everything Jack.

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Don't forget if you're writing an article for the TEC NEWS, why not send it in now before the next deadline. Will appreciate it.



"MANUFACTURED ERRORS???"

by Dottie Dow TEC #1  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Many times I've heard people talk about "Manufactured Errors" that an engraver made errors on purpose, so that there could be a variety. Believe me, a person can do the art work and then check the die before rolling coins and completely miss a major error. How can that be done you say? The only way I can explain it, is that after doing the "art work", the elongated coin is so much in ones own mind that they completely miss the error when proof reading. I have had two such instances happen to me in two years.

Last year on "Van's Have a Happy 40th" (Dow #77-22) I checked the die and it looked fine. I had Harold put it on the machine and we rolled 50 of the 1¢ pieces. Luckily we didn't have the Silver Dimes to roll that were to be used for the Naval Reunion, (1937 Dimes). When Van came up we proudly displayed the cents. Where's the 1937, said Van? "What?" We couldn't believe it, three people had looked at it and checked the die, and three people had missed it. Our faces were RED.

One would think that this would teach these three people a lesson, but no, thats one thing about being human, it happened again. The Dottie Dow ANA Handshake die of 1978 was engraved, checked, the die hardened, 1200 cents rolled, 70 PNC Covers made with cents, a few dimes rolled, all on this "perfect die". Remember all this time I was making up the 70 P.N.C. covers, the cachet was right there in front of me. I took my "perfect" Handshake coin to the A.N.A. and Dick Townsend takes a one second look at the coin in the PNC and the cachet and says, "where is the '1978' on the coin that's on the cachet?" I thought he was kidding, as I couldn't believe my eyes. Manufactured Errors? Maybe some are and maybe some aren't, just remember people are only "Human".

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